

## AD WOLGAST MUST FIGHT OR CRAWL

Owen Moran to Force Champion Into a Match as Soon as Possible.

New York, November 29.—Owen Moran, the study Englishman, who knocked out Battling Nelson in the eleventh round in 'Erisco Saturday afternoon, will try to force Ad Wolgast, the lightweight champion of the world, into a match for the title, to be decided as soon as possible. By crushing Nelson, who was counted out for the first time in his ring career, Moran accomplished more than Wolgast, who could not stop the Dane in forty rounds. Moran went to California solely for the purpose of whipping Nelson, so that he would be in a position to challenge Wolgast. Having accomplished the feat, Moran, through his manager, Charles J. Harvey, will soon post a big forfeit, accompanied by a challenge to Wolgast, offering to fight him any number of rounds or to a finish, at 133 pounds, ringside, the purse to be split any fair way.

Wolgast, in the face of this challenge, will have to fight or crawl. That is the opinion of sporting men who believe in fair play and square dealing. Wolgast won the lightweight championship from Nelson fairly and squarely nearly a year ago, but he has been avoiding challengers ever since, giving as an excuse that he wished to give Nelson first chance to win the title. But with Nelson eliminated for all time, Wolgast cannot longer defend his title. He has been avoiding challengers in a six-round bout at a local club more than two years ago, and incidentally took down the present champion's number. That is why Moran is falling over himself in an effort to arrange a fight with Wolgast, for if he can beat the latter in a fight at the lightweight limit he can take a world's championship back to Great Britain, where such an honor will be worth a fortune.

Wolgast has announced that he will not be ready to fight before next May, but it is believed he may agree to re-enter the ring earlier after he has read how Moran's challenge has been received by the public. Meanwhile there are at least three young men after Moran's scalp. Abe Attell, featherweight champion, who has already fought three draws with the Briton, says he will fight him twenty-five rounds or more at lightweight, and will make a substantial side bet, too. Pat Moore, if he beats Attell in ten rounds at the Fairmont Athletic Club Wednesday night, will promptly challenge Moran, with whom he recently boxed two draws, one of six and the other of twelve rounds. Knockout Brown, who is a slugger of dangerous qualities and the recent conqueror of Harlem Tommy Murphy, is ready to fight either Moran, Moore or Wolgast first come, first served. As Moran and Wolgast will both insist upon the 133 pounds, ringside, no matter whom they may fight in future, it is worthy of note that Packey McFarland, Jack Goodman, Young Sammy Smith, and Cy Smith, all so-called lightweights, will be barred from taking part in championship matches because of such conditions.

The defeat of Nelson was not a surprise to students of pugilism who have followed the game for a decade. In their opinion Nelson was on the down grade when he failed to stop Jimmie Britt and Boer Unholz after the late Joe Gans had beaten him on a foul in forty-two rounds at Goldfield. Gans

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It has always been contended, was a played-it boxer when Nelson won the title from him in July, 1908, and beat him again the following September. But in spite of the belief at that time that Nelson was overrated, he was boomed by press agents as the greatest lightweight champion the world had ever produced. It required twenty-three rounds to stop Dick Hyland in 1909. Yet Nelson still was hailed as a phenomenon.

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**NEGRO MURDERER SHOT BY POSSE**

Load of Buckshot Fired Into Back, and Wound Will Prove Fatal.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Suffolk, Va., November 29.—Mack Neal, the desperado, was surrounded late to-night in Dick Johnson's cabin three miles from Waverly, and probably fatally shot. One member of the posse at a distance of six paces fired a load of buckshot into Neal's back, and doctors say he cannot live through the night. Neal, footsore and hungry, had sought safety and food. He was betrayed by a fellow-black, who informed a Mr. Sheffield. Waverly was notified by telephone and a newly organized posse, heavily armed, started for the scene. Neal was surprised while sitting at a table. He started for his gun, which rested nearby. Refusing to admit he was shot from the back about fifteen citizens were at the scene.

**Story of the Murder.**  
Petersburg, Va., November 29.—The police of this city have been asked to keep watch for a negro named Mack Neal, who last night committed a deliberate and brutal murder in Waverly, shot and wounded two other persons and then took to flight. Neal went to the house of a colored woman named Annie Johnson, in the town, and asked to see her. When she opened the door he shot her in the breast, killing her instantly. He is supposed to have been angered by jealousy, and not satisfied in killing the woman he fired at other occupants in the house, badly wounding Hester Johnson, a sister of the woman whom he had murdered, and a man named Paul Brown. Neal then took to the woods around to avoid arrest.

This morning it was learned that two others were added to the victims of Neal's fury. About 6 o'clock, as two sons of Walter Jackson, colored, were walking through the woods near Waverly, on their way to work, they were fired on from ambush by Neal, and both of them were wounded in the legs.

This shooting was done without cause. Neal at last accounts, was still at large, though a posse of citizens was assisting the local police in hunting for him. It is believed he is still hiding in the woods in the vicinity of Waverly.

**BREAKS WORLD'S RECORD.**

Willie Hoppe, at 18.1 Billiards, Makes Run of 155 Points.  
Philadelphia, November 29.—Willie Hoppe, to-night, broke the world's record for a high run at 18.1 billiards in his game with Joseph Mayer, the amateur champion of this city, by piling up 155 points. The best previous record of 150 was made by Hoppe four weeks ago in New York.

Hoppe, who is to play 1,800 points at 18.1 to Mayer's 1,400 points at 18.2, now leads in the three blocks' play by 442 points, the score being: Hoppe, 1,100; Mayer, 658.  
Hoppe's high run to-night was 155, and his average 31.1-13. Mayer's best run was 42, with an average of 8-13. The score to-night was: Hoppe, 404; Mayer, 105.

**AMERICAN TEAM WINS.**

Covers Full Marathon Course in Two Hours Two Minutes 14.15 Seconds.  
New York, November 29.—The American team, Hans Holmer and William Queal, won the international Marathon team race over the full Marathon course at Madison Square Garden to-night. Their time was two hours two minutes sixteen and one-fifth seconds.

## BATTLE AGAINST AMERICAN MARINE

Foreign Steamship Companies Spend Money Freely to Foster Feeling.

MERCHANTS HANDICAPPED

Similar Conditions in Trade Between This Country and South America.

New York, November 29.—Testimony that steamship companies which are owned abroad are absolutely controlled American shipping and have spent money freely to foster feeling against an American marine was offered today before the congressional committee holding sessions here to investigate charges that a steamship lobby was maintained at Washington. William H. Douglas, who formerly represented a New York district in Congress, was the witness who made these statements.

"As conditions are now," Mr. Douglas testified, "the American merchant is handicapped. The foreign steamship owners make a rate at Hamburg, London and Paris that controls the export shipment of an article to this country. Even if the American should charter a steamer for his own freight he would not be able to obtain additional freight to make up a cargo."

Similar conditions govern the trade between the United States and South America. Mr. Douglas said, as all the lines plying between the two countries are owned abroad, and foreign steamship companies, he asserted, had spent money freely to influence sentiment against American shipping.

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"How," he was asked, "can you know that?"

"By preparing articles for the newspapers, which were widely distributed and the temperance of agents."

"While you were a member of Congress did you ever know of money being spent by agents to influence legislation through the giving of dinners or anything else?"

"I think there was."

"Did you ever meet the agents or know them?"

"I hardly think they would want to know me."

Mr. Douglas added that although foreign companies had used whatever influence they possessed in shaping legislation and had paid money to represent them in Washington, he believed that, strictly speaking, they had not violated any law, and his testimony, he said, should be taken as facts rather than criticism.

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